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In re Application of: **Edward Triou, Jr.,** Confirmation No.: **7147**

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR AUTOMATED CLASSIFICATION AND

ANALYSIS OF LARGE VOLUMES OF TEST RESULT DATA

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Sir:

AMENDMENTS TO APPEAL BRIEF

Please amend the Appeal Brief filed February 6, 2008, as required by the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated February 27, 2008, by replacing sections 3 and 6, and adding new section 10 as follows.

3. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12, 14, 22-24, and 27 are rejected. Claims 13, 15-21, and 25-26 are canceled. The rejections of claims 1-12, 14, 22-24, and 27 are appealed.

6. GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

Applicants appeal the rejection of claims 1-12, 14, 22-24, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 as allegedly either anticipated by U.S. Pub. 2002/0124213 (Ahrens), or unpatentable over Ahrens in view of one or more of U.S. Pat. 6,438,716 (Snover), and 7,058,860 (Miller).

Specifically, Applicants appeal:

• The rejection of claims 1-3 and 7 as allegedly anticipated by Ahrens.

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- The rejection of claims 4-6 as allegedly unpatentable over Ahrens in view of Snover.
- The rejection of claims 8-11 and 14 as allegedly unpatentable over Ahrens in view of Miller.
- The rejection of claims 12, 22-24, and 27 as allegedly unpatentable over Ahrens in view of Snover and Miller.

10. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

None.

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